



Wauwatosa, WI

Common Council

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Common Council Chambers and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/273225010>,
Meeting ID: 273 225 010

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McBride called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: 16 Alderperson District 8 Council President Jason Wilke
Alderperson District 2 Margaret Arney
Alderperson District 3 Robin Brannin
Alderperson District 6 Aletha Champine
Alderperson District 4 David Lewis
Alderperson District 2 Brad Foley
Alderperson District 4 Ernst Franzen
Alderperson District 3 Joseph Makhoulf II
Alderperson District 5 Rob Gustafson
Alderperson District 5 Sean Lowe
Alderperson District 1 Andrew Meindl
Alderperson District 1 James Moldenhauer
Alderperson District 6 Joe Phillips
Alderperson District 7 Mike Morgan
Alderperson District 7 Amanda Fuerst
Alderperson District 8 Melissa Dolan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting

[25-2321](#)

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Ernst Franzen
SECONDER: David Lewis

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. Appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2026-2027 term [25-2332](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Joseph Makhoul II
SECONDER: Jason Wilke
Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
2. Appointment by Mayor McBride of Zoey Hesprich (District 8) as a student member of the Wauwatosa Youth Commission, term ending May 31, 2027 [25-2346](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Joseph Makhoul II
SECONDER: Jason Wilke
Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

APPLICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

1. Summons & Complaint - Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital, Inc. Case No. 2025CV010010 [25-2245](#)
RESULT: REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
2. Summons and Complaint - Walgreen Co. - 2025CV010070 [25-2249](#)
RESULT: REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
3. Summons and Complaint - Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Southeast Wisconsin, Inc. - 2025CV010488 [25-2345](#)
RESULT: REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
4. Claim - Emmanuel Metcalf [25-2294](#)
RESULT: REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
5. Claim - Justin Le [25-2341](#)
RESULT: REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
6. Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report [25-2333](#)
RESULT: RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION

1. **Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for an eating establishment in the General Commercial (C2) zone at 11320 W. Blue Mound Road, Anthony Fugarino, Cuppa Tosa Kitchen & Café LLC., applicant** [25-2305](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Amanda Fuerst
SECONDER: Joe Phillips
Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
2. **Resolution approving a Land Division via Certified Survey Map at 11811 W. Blue Mound Road, John Vassallo, applicant** [25-2306](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Amanda Fuerst
SECONDER: Joe Phillips
Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

FROM THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wauwatosa and Friends of Firefly Grove Park** [25-2312](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Sean Lowe
SECONDER: Rob Gustafson
Aye: 14 Wilke, Arney, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, and Dolan
Abstain: 2 Brannin, and Fuerst

FROM THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Resolution approving application for a new Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor license by North 48 MKE LLC, d/b/a North 48 Bar, 7603 W. State Street, Jordan Cole - Agent, for the period ending June 30, 2026** [25-2308](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Ernst Franzen
SECONDER: Margaret Arney
Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
2. **Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State** [25-2309](#)

of Wisconsin for urban search and rescue response services**RESULT:** APPROVED**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlof II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

3. **Resolution approving a dispatch service review with McMahon Associates and associated fund transfer** [25-2310](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

Aye: 12 Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Gustafson, Lowe, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Fuerst, and Dolan

Nay: 4 Wilke, Makhlof II, Meindl, and Morgan

4. **Resolution approving an executive summary/term sheet describing a joint fire department formed by West Allis and Wauwatosa** [25-2311](#)

Motion by Alder Brannin for an amendment to the term sheet resolution to direct the City Administrator to draft a letter of intent outlining certain employee benefit considerations for delivery to the Wauwatosa Professional Firefighters Local 1923 in connection with the potential fire department merger. Second by Alder Gustafson. Motion carried 16-0.

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

Aye: 14 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Gustafson, Lowe, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

Nay: 2 Makhlof II, and Meindl

FROM THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Resolution approving early delivery of an aerial ladder truck and reallocation of funds from the 2027 capital budget to the 2026 capital budget** [25-2313](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlof II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

2. **Resolution approving contracts for Police Department personnel** [25-2314](#)

uniforms and equipment for 2026 to 2028**RESULT:** APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

3. Resolution approving contracts for Police Department towing services for 2026 to 2028 [25-2315](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

4. Resolution amending the 2025 budget by \$100,000 for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program [25-2316](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

5. Resolution approving a State Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant to update the City's traffic signal controllers [25-2317](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

6. Resolution approving a State Municipal Agreement with the State Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant to construct remote communications to the City's traffic signal cabinets [25-2318](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
7. **Resolution approving State Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant to provide advanced traffic management system software to operate the City's traffic signals** [25-2319](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Moldenhauer
SECONDER: Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
8. **Resolution waiving the request for proposal process and approving contract with JW Industries and associated Level 3 fund transfer for repair of flood damaged bleachers at Hart Park Stadium** [25-2320](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: James Moldenhauer
SECONDER: Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
9. **Ratification of Comptroller's Office bills and claims report, November 19 through December 16, 2025** [25-2323](#)
- RESULT:** RATIFIED
MOVER: James Moldenhauer
SECONDER: Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Resolution approving encroachment for a retaining wall within the public right-of-way at 6128 W Wells Street** [25-2326](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: Melissa Dolan
SECONDER: Jason Wilke
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
2. **Resolution approving a Relocation Order and Acquisition Plat on Blue** [25-2348](#)

Mound Road from N. 106th Street to N. 68th Street**RESULT:** APPROVED**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

3. Resolution approving the 2026 Board of Public Works Paving Assessment Resolution [25-2327](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

4. Resolution approving final payment for Contract 24-91, Street Light Conversion [25-2328](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

5. Resolution awarding Contract 26-19, Concrete Sidewalk Repair, to Milwaukee General Construction in the amount of \$1,060,891.59 [25-2329](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke

Aye: 15 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, and Fuerst

Recused: 1 Dolan

6. Resolution declaring the City's intent to perform street and alley improvements during the 2026 construction season and to assess neighboring property owners [25-2330](#)

RESULT: APPROVED**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoul II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

7. **Resolution setting a Common Council public hearing date of January 27, 2026 for proposed assessments for 2026 street and alley improvements** [25-2331](#)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Melissa Dolan

SECONDER: Jason Wilke

Aye: 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhoulf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

FUTURE COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Future Council committee agenda items [25-2322](#)

Alder Lowe requested a review of the current local package theft loss.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.